

This WEEK in the Missouri HOUSE

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Floor Action...

The following bills were Third Read and Passed:

- **HBs 1595/1668** Authorize an income tax credit for part of the cost of the construction of a storm shelter. (3.04.08)
- **HB 1678** Authorizes Missouri to enter into the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which seeks to remove barriers on children in military families who move often. (3.04.08)
- **HB 1371** - Allows rural empowerment zones to exist in counties with 18,000 or fewer residents and prohibits more than two rural empowerment zones in any county. (3.04.08)
- **HB 1619** - Establishes the Drug Monitoring Act and requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to

maintain a realtime electronic logbook on all pseudoephedrine purchases in this state. (3.06.08)

- **HB 1779** - Changes the laws regarding voice over Internet protocol services and other telecommunications services. (3.06.08)

The following consent bill was Third Read and Passed:

- **HB 1384** - Gives identity theft victims the right to have an incident report filed by their local law enforcement agency. (3.5.08)

The following bills were Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed:

- **HBs 2020** - Appropriate money for supplemental purposes for several departments, offices of state government, for purchase of equipment, payment of various claims for refunds, for persons, firms, and corporations. (3.03.08)

Committee Updates...

- **Special Committee on Veterans** passed **HJR 71**, which proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing a sales tax for funding veterans' homes, services, and programs and constitutionally establishes the Missouri Veterans' Commission. (3.04.08)
- **Higher Education Committee** heard the Textbook Transparency Act (**HB 2048**), which requires textbook publishers to make the wholesale price, revision history, and variety of formats available to faculty members and students at higher ed. institutions. (3.04.08)
- **Crime Prevention and Public Safety** heard **HB 1852** which changes the laws regarding the crimes of harassment and stalking and adds them to the list of crimes schools must report to law enforcement. (3.04.08)

Fast Facts:

- The highest number of bills filed during one session was **1298** - in **2007**.
- The year with the second highest number of filed bills was **2002**, with **1203** bills filed.
- The highest number filed during one General Assembly (two legislative sessions) was **2231**, filed in the **91st** General Assembly (**2001-2002**).
- However, we already broke this record during this general assembly with **2406** bills filed during the **94th** General Assembly to date.



Did you know?

Rustic cow bells were used to call House members into the Chamber before the current system was adopted in 1946.

Photo of the Week

Rep. Ron Richard, R-129, discusses legislation with Rep. Mary Kasten, R-158 on the House Floor.



Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 13** - Spring break begins
- March 25** - Spring/Easter break ends - Reconvene at 4:00 p.m.
- April 1** - Last Day for Introduction of Bills
- May 9** - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed - 6:00 p.m.
- May 16** - Session Ends - 6:00 p.m.
- May 30** - Adjournment per Constitution

2008 House Actions

as of 3/10/08
9:00 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1108
# HBs Reported Do Pass	60
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	73
# HBs Perfected	16
# HBs Third Read	18
# HBs Third Read Consent	14
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	5
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	1